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From Soup to Nuts, Everything To Know about the Candidates

by James Giese and Elaine Skolnik

Greenbelters have been deprived of hearing many campaign commercials prior to Tuesday's Presidential election. This is because pollsters have declared Maryland to be a solid blue state with no close election contests expected. (Who decided that Democrats were blue and Republicans red?) As a result, few campaign dollars are being spent here in Maryland – or in the District of Columbia or Virginia for that matter.

That is not the case elsewhere in the country, where air waves are filled with attack ads running down the merits of one candidate or another. In Florida and Wisconsin, for example, it seems impossible to go anywhere without encountering a rally for a presidential candidate with the candidate or his running mate present. In Maryland, the best we got was a quick visit from Vice Presidential candidate John Edwards.

On the air, only a few ads have told us how bad U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski or her opponent Maryland Senator E. J. Pipkin are. Based on commercials alone, one would not know there is a Presidential election taking place or who is running or that we are electing a member of Congress for the Fifth District of Maryland.

Greenbelters will have a fairly simple ballot for the election. There are only three contests for offices – President/Vice President, U.S. Senator and Representative in Congress for Congressional District 5. There are also elections for Judge of the Maryland Circuit Court from Judicial Circuit 7 and At-Large Judge of the Court of Special Appeals, but all judge candidates are running unopposed. Last, but not least, are 10 Prince George's County ballot questions. (See separate story and editorial.)

In Maryland and in Greenbelt, Democratic Party candidates U.S. Senators John F. Kerry and John Edwards are expected to beat out the Republican candidates, President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, for Maryland's 10 electoral votes (out of 538 total for the country). Buoyed by the election of Robert Ehrlich as Governor in 2002, the Republicans are hoping to cut the Democrats' margin of victory in both the national and state campaigns. Also on the ballot are candidates of the Green, Libertarian, Constitution and Populist parties.

Candidates

(Listed in order of appearance on the ballot)
Born in 1946 in New Haven,

Conn., George W. Bush grew up in Midland and Houston, Tex. He has a bachelor's degree in history from Yale and a master of business administration from Harvard. He served five years in the Texas Air National Guard. He began a career in the oil industry in Midland in a variety of business enterprises and later served as the managing partner of the Texas Rangers. In 1994 he was elected governor of Texas, serving in that capacity until he was elected President in 2000.

He met and married his wife, Laura Welch, during an unsuccessful 1978 campaign for Congress. They have twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna. Bush is the son of former President George H. W. Bush, grandson of Senator Prescott Bush of Connecticut and brother of Jeb Bush, governor of Florida.

Bush's running mate, Dick Cheney of Casper, Wy. was born in 1941. He obtained his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Wyoming. In 1975 and 1976 he served as White House chief of staff under President Gerald Ford. He was elected to Congress in 1978 and served for 10 years until he be-

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Up for Grabs in the Nation, Here, Results Are Certain

by Elaine Skolnik

Nationwide an intense, passionate and energized electorate is expected to vote in record numbers on Tuesday, November 2. Registration figures have soared in many states including Maryland, where Prince George's County and Greenbelt registrations are at an all-time high. At press time the race between incumbent Republican President George W. Bush and Democrat John Kerry appears too close to call, according to most polls.

Memories of the close, contentious 2000 Presidential General Election between Bush and Al Gore produced myriad court legal battles that ended finally when the United States Supreme Court declared Bush the winner of the Presidential race. What could prevent a replay of the 2000 election? Many political pundits believe that only a decisive victory by Kerry or Bush could prevent the legal skirmishing of four years ago.

In the 2000 election, Ralph Nader had strong support from his Green Party. Considered a spoiler at the time, he hurt the

Democratic Presidential contender. Today Nader's prospect appears bleak because of dwindling support. He is a candidate of the Populist party.

Meanwhile both the Republican and Democratic camps are gearing up for possible legal challenges and preparing for anything that might go wrong at the polls. Thousands of lawyers, volunteers and poll watchers are targeting battleground states, especially Florida, Iowa, Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, where the outcome could tip the balance for either Presidential candidate.

The nation has been described as "divided." Some believe there is an invisible army – independents who did not vote in the primary election, young people, blacks, Latinos and Hispanics – who could tip the balance to either Kerry or Bush. Indeed, election day will be anything but boring!

What issues could influence a voter's preference for President

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Voters Face 10 Questions On Issues Before County

by James Giese

Ten county questions are on the ballot besides the election for United States President and Vice-President, Maryland Senator and Fifth District Member of Congress. The Prince George's County Council placed nine of the questions on the ballot and the other, Question H, was added by petition. No other offices in the state, county or city are up for election at this time.

The first five questions (A – E) relate to bond issue approvals for various county public facilities. The next five relate to proposed amendments to the county charter. Of these, four (F, G, H and I) are the most controversial. They relate to changes in the composition of the county council and are not placed in an appropriate order.

Of the four, Ballot Question H, proposed by a petition circulated by Prince George's County chapter of ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) with the cost of paid circulators apparently fi-

nanced out of large donations made primarily by real estate interests and campaign funds of County Councilmember Thomas Hendershot, would amend the county charter to create two additional at-large seats and automatically make the at-large councilmember who received the most votes the council chair.

The majority of the members of the county council, who oppose Question H, added the three other related questions to modify and weaken that question's provisions. The council amendments, if approved, would only take effect if Question H were approved. The last question, J, deals with reducing the number of hours that temporary and seasonal employees may work.

At-large

Question H, if approved, will add two more members to the nine-member county council. These two would be elected at-large. Instead of running from a

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Co-op Marks 20th Anniversary At Annual Meeting on Oct. 30

by Diane Oberg

For many Greenbelters, it is hard to imagine Greenbelt without the Co-op Supermarket. Yet 20 years ago the city was threatened with that possibility. On Saturday, October 30 at 10 a.m., members of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC) will celebrate the success of the new co-operative that was formed to keep the store open when Greenbelt Co-operative, Inc., (GCI) decided to focus on its furniture division.

Despite increasing competition in the area the GCC has enjoyed sustained success. The food store has made money every year since beginning operations in 1984. This accomplishment is even more impressive given that the GCI's food division had sustained 13 consecutive years of losses.

In the fiscal year ending July 31, the Co-op's sales topped \$10 million, a 6.7 percent increase from the previous year's revenues of \$9.4 million. This record occurred despite the store sustaining an \$80,000 loss from Hurricane Isabel, which forced it to close for nearly three days. Just



The first Board of Directors for Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative in 1984 are from left (front row) – Bob Davis, Jim Cassels and Margaret Hogensen; (back row) Mike Burchick, Chuck Saraban, Wayne Williams, Richard Bates and Joe Timer.

\$25,000 of that loss was reimbursed by insurance.

GCC is not resting on its laurels. Sometime in 2005 customers should see the launch of a major remodeling effort. Store Manager Bob Davis says that most of the refrigeration equipment and much of the shelving will be replaced. The decor will be upgraded and the lighting improved. The overall effect, Davis

expects, will be improved efficiency and a more customer-friendly facility. A new office/customer service area and a bathroom will be installed on the first floor.

Quick Start

Since its founding GCC has proved itself an organization that can quickly mobilize to

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What Goes On

Sunday, October 31

6 to 8 p.m., Trick or Treating

Thursday, November 4

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, November 6

Noon to 2 p.m., Ranger Scout Fishing Derby, ages 6 to 12, Buddy Attick Lake Park at Lookout Point

Sunday, November 7

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Editorials

Say Yes to Voting

Every American citizen has not only the right but the obligation to cast a ballot in Tuesday’s November 2 Presidential Election and to select leaders. Voting is a responsibility that assures the preservation of a free, democratic society. It not only expresses support for the candidates of one’s choosing, but reaffirms support of the United States Constitution and the rights of all citizens that it guarantees. In its own way, it represents a victory against all who seek to destroy our political institutions and our way of life.

Say No to Question H

While valid arguments can be made for having legislators elected both by district and at-large in the organization of legislative bodies, we do not believe the current effort in Prince George’s County to increase the size of the nine-member council by adding two at-large members is warranted. We are further disturbed by the process that put the question on the ballot. Therefore we recommend a no vote on ballot Question H, which, if approved, would amend the county charter to add two councilmembers elected countywide to the current nine-member body elected from districts. To run a successful countywide election campaign costs a lot of money, estimated at between \$600,000 and \$800,000. Only the very wealthy can carry on such a campaign without seeking major contributions. In this county, major property developers and landowners are one of the few moneyed groups to be significantly regulated by the county. The fact that the petition drive to place this issue on the ballot was funded primarily by this interest group indicates clearly who might most benefit from the addition of two at-large councilmembers.

The Prince George’s County Council once was composed of both members elected at-large and by district but was changed after a previous referendum approved by voters reduced the council size to nine members elected from districts. It was then argued that doing so would give greater representation to minority interests and make council candidates less dependent on moneyed interests and more dependent on becoming personally known to their constituents.

We think the current county council makeup has worked well and see no need for change. We are not aware of countywide interests not being adequately represented or protected by the council. In our opinion, adding two at-large members would increase the influence of developers and big landholders on county affairs and dilute Greenbelt’s voice and that of minority groups in county government.

Three other questions (F, G and I) relating to at-large members on the county council were added by a majority vote of the council. Even if approved, they would become effective only if Question H is approved. All three would negate parts of the provisions of Question H. Certainly anyone fully supporting the Question H proposal should be opposed to these three amendments.

Of these, Question I makes no sense to us and should be defeated. We find the summary of the question on the ballot to be extremely misleading, as it does not “establish voting rights for at-large members” but instead denies them by making these councilmembers non-voting. What good would two countywide elected councilmembers be to anyone if they have no power to vote on county issues?

Those who oppose Question H may wish to support Questions F or G. The merits of these two questions are more debatable. If approved, Question F would prevent a district councilmember who has served two four-year terms on council from running for an at-large seat. Question H would permit a person serving two terms as a district councilmember and to then serve two four-year terms as an at-large member. Question G would invalidate the provision of Question H that provides that the at-large councilmember receiving the most votes would automatically become the chair of the council and would restore the present process of the chair being elected by the members of the council.

Letters to the Editor

THANKS

Thanks to my friends and neighbors for their prayers, cards, flowers and all the good food sent to me during my recent hospital stay for total hip replacement.

Julia Horine

Phone Cards For the Troops

The residents of Green Ridge House invite the residents of Greenbelt to participate in a meaningful show of support for our troops. It is impossible for us to imagine what it’s like to be involved in war so far from home. Not only do they survive without such simple pleasures as running water, they have no daily contact with their families and loved ones.

At no time will this be more keenly felt than at the holidays. This year we’d like to help and bring the voices home to as many of our troops as possible by sending phone cards. The United Methodist Church of Higher Education & Ministry is requesting cards of \$10 each. These cards are then sent to United Methodist chaplains serving military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as major hospitals servicing the wounded around the world who will distribute them to members of the armed forces regardless of their religious affiliation.

Donations will be gratefully accepted in the form of checks. Please make out the check to Green Ridge House Residents Association and mark the check “phone cards to the troops” and please mail to Marian Evans, c/o Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road, Apt# 233, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

As we gather around the holiday table with those we hold close in our hearts, giving thanks for all we hold dear including to be lucky enough to live in the land of the free, let’s do more than remember those who make that possible.

Let’s show them how much their dedication, courage and sacrifice mean. Let’s bring a touch of home to those so far away.

God bless our troops and God bless America!

Marian Evans, Social Director

Discernment Needed

On Monday, October 25 something happened in our court (6 Ridge Road) that astonished many of us. The 16-year-old son of one of my neighbors was writ-

ing in chalk on the garages and another neighbor called the police to report it. An officer came, made him stop writing and stayed while he washed the writing off the garages. I know the officer was just doing her job but it seems to me that it would have been better to have left her free to fight real crime in the city.

Perhaps what the boy did was illegal but discernment should have been employed: he was writing in chalk not spray paint. He was writing quotes from Thoreau and Emerson not gang symbols or emblems of hatred. Shouldn’t we be glad to have a youth living among us who is inspired by great writers and moved to express what he feels? Shouldn’t we as neighbors nurture that spirit even if we might be irritated with how it is manifested? And if we can’t rise above our irritation, can we not act like real neighbors and speak to the boy or his mother about stopping and cleaning the writing before involving the police?

I just didn’t think we lived in a neighborhood or at least a court where behavior that is at most a nuisance is handled like this was. My three-year-old and other children in the court use chalk outside; is there any possibility that we can expect to see the police the next time the preschoolers are decorating the sidewalks or parking lot?

Please, neighbors: if the situation is nonthreatening and involves people we know, let’s talk to each other first.

Julie Winters

Harmless Drawings

The afternoon of Monday, October 25 a neighbor and friend of ours was using children’s chalk to write passages from Emerson and Thoreau on the side of one of the

garages in our court. Apparently, another neighbor called the police. The police promptly came and had our 16-year-old neighbor put his hands on his head and asked if he was in possession of any weapons. He was then escorted to his home, where the officer discussed the crime with the youth’s mother and then followed the juvenile back to the wall and stood and watched over him while the wall was scrubbed clean.

This young neighbor grew up in this court from the time of his birth and has shown to be a very respectful, responsible, courteous young man. He in no way realized he was breaking any laws. We feel confident that all of our neighbors are well aware of this young man’s fine reputation. He is the first to offer his help to others in carrying groceries or watching over small children. If anyone was unhappy with his actions, we feel he should have been approached and we have no doubt that he would have stopped immediately with no questions or arguments.

The questions we have are: why were the police called and why did this upstanding young man have to be put through such a humiliating experience for simply writing harmless quotes from classic authors in chalk? Many small children in this court also use chalk to draw pictures and write their names; should we be afraid to continue letting them do so?

We have a wonderful court with wonderful neighbors. Let’s not spoil that by calling the police for harmless chalk drawings and innocent quotations. As members of 6 Court, we feel this well-mannered, well-meaning youth deserves an apology.

The Hammett Family

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA
BOARD MEETING FOR
NOVEMBER 4, 2004

7:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Minutes – October 7, 2004
- Membership Application
- Member Complaint Issues
- Contract Bids

7:30 PM REGULAR SESSION

KEY AGENDA ITEMS:

- Direction for Yardline Committee
- Proposed Shed Installation – 33D Ridge Road
- Staff Report on Photographic Documentation
- 2005 Proposed Budget – 1st Presentation
- 401K Change Resolution and Fidelity Adoption Agreement

Regular board meetings are open to members.

OLD GREENBELT
THEATRE

Week of Oct. 29

I (HEART) HUCKABEES (R)

Friday
*5:10, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday
*2:45, *5:10, 7:30, 9:45

Sunday
*2:45, *5:10, 7:30

Monday-Thursday
*5:10, 7:30
*These shows at \$5.00

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Community Events

Chevy's Grad Night To Benefit ERHS

There will be an Eleanor Roosevelt High School Grad Night fundraiser held at Chevy's Restaurant in Greenbelt from 4 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3.

Chevy's is in Greenway Center at 7511 Greenbelt Road. Diners are asked to tell their server they are there for the Grad Night fundraiser. Chevy's will donate 20 percent of the bill to Grad Night.

New Simplicity Circle To Start Nov. 14

A voluntary simplicity discussion circle is slated to start in Greenbelt on November 14. New members are sought.

The Sunday meetings will be from 4 to 6 p.m. in a participant's home and the first meeting will be on Sunday, November 14 in University Square Apartments. The group will meet every Sunday from November into early January, taking off a week or so around the holidays.

All participants need to obtain the discussion guidebook prior to November 14 and read Chapter One. A mentor will be present at the first meeting to guide the group through the "peer facilitated" process.

If interested in joining this circle, contact Lore Rosenthal, Simplicity Matters Earth Institute at SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com or 301-317-9821 to get a discussion guidebook before the meeting. For more information about the discussion circles visit www.simplicity-matters.org/faq.htm or <http://www.nwei.org/pages/simplicity.html>.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The birthday meeting on October 20 was well attended and everyone enjoyed the pot luck lunch. If you like meeting friends, socializing and eating lunch "Just Say Yes" when a member of the nominating committee calls or just volunteer for a committee. The club needs your help!

The birthday raffle winners were Phyllis Budin and Darrington Roan. The lucky 50/50 winners were Bernie Giese and Marie White.

The club welcomed Sally Carrano back from her long absence. She was delightful in her pink clown outfit and made all feel younger. She encouraged us all to keep looking ahead.

We will be going to the Air and Space Museum at Dulles on December 6. There will be more information later.

Happy ghosts and goblins to all!

Band and Orchestra Concert at ERHS

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Wind Ensemble and the Chamber Orchestra will perform in the school auditorium. Many Greenbelt students will be on stage Friday, November 5 at 7:30 p.m.

"Great music at the right price – free," says "music mom" Judy Goldberg-Strassler.

At the Library

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime, newborns to 17 months with caregiver. Limit 15 children.

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 10:30 a.m.; Toddler Time, 24 to 36 months with caregiver. Limit 15 children.

Thursday, Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime, ages 3 to 5. Limit, 20.

Meet Doug Peters At Town Hall Meeting

Residents of Greenbelt and College Park are invited to attend a town hall meeting to be hosted by District 4 Prince George's County Council-member Douglas J.J. Peters on Wednesday, November 10 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Station.

For additional information call 301-952-3094.

Come in Costume To Rock Concert Sat.

On Saturday, October 30, from 7 to 10 p.m., a teen rock concert will take place in Roosevelt Center. The concert will feature the bands Adrenalin and Paradoxavior, made up of local young musicians. Adrenalin consists of Travis Jolly, lead singer; Philip Hannam, guitar; Donny Scully, bass; and Nick Dobson, drums. Paradoxavior features Andrew Watson, vocals; Tim Mullaney, guitar; Dan Dorsey, guitar; Jeremy Hammond, bass; and Tom Lee, drums. The audience is encouraged to come in costume for a costume contest which will be part of the concert.

In case of rain, the concert will take place Sunday, October 31. The concert is being sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Arts (FONDCA), with a supporting grant from the City of Greenbelt. For further information call 301-474-5642.

Mikulski Speaks To Federal Workers

Senator Barbara Mikulski will speak to federal employees on Thursday, October 28 at the Greenbelt Marriott as they endorse candidates. Senator Paul Sarbanes and Congressman Steny Hoyer will also attend.

GHI Notes

November 1 – Pre-purchase Orientation at 7:15 p.m. in the GHI Board Room

November 4 – Board of Directors Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room

Free Tutoring Offered In City

The Washington Post Metro section of Sunday, October 24 reported that Prince George's County does not qualify for free tutoring under the "No Child Left Behind Act," forcing parents to find other tutors for low-performing children.

Parents of children attending Greenbelt public schools and St. Hugh's School are reminded that free tutoring is offered by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Elementary students, grades 1 to 6, meet in the Tutoring and Homework Club at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Tuesdays, 2:45 to 5 p.m. and at Schrom Hills Park on Wednesdays from 3:45 to 6 p.m.

Middle and high school students, grades 7 to 12, meet in the Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program (GMA) at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

There is no charge for any of these sessions.

For more information call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

Explore Problems Faced by Immigrants

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Guillermo Olivos, M.D., on Friday, November 5. Olivos is a psychiatrist and for the past 12 to 20 years has been working mainly with new immigrants. His presentation will focus on the problems and issues faced by immigrants. Olivos will also include some positive aspects of aging in his presentation.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

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St. Gregory Church
Holiday Bazaar
12420 Old Gunpowder Rd.
Beltsville, Md.
Saturday, Nov. 6
10AM-4PM

Teen Rock Concert

Sat., Oct. 30, 7:00-10:00 pm
Roosevelt Center
with Adrenalin & Paradoxavior
Raindate: Sun. Oct. 31
Sponsored by Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA) with support from the City of Greenbelt.
For information call (301)474-5642.

Bob Auerbach Addressed Voters at Peace Rally

by Cam McQueen

About 20 Greenbelters and others enjoyed a sunny Saturday afternoon at Roosevelt Center, at a Vote for Peace rally sponsored by the Greenbelt Greens. The featured speaker was Green Party candidate for Congress Bob S. Auerbach, who spoke in opposition to the war in Iraq and in favor of a nonviolent foreign policy based on respect for people of all nations.

After the speech, Auerbach fielded questions on a variety of subjects, including nonviolence, election reform and social justice issues. Participants expressed thanks to Auerbach for being on the ballot this year, which gives voters a chance to vote for peace. (The other candidates for Congress in the 5th district – including the incumbent, Steny H.



Among the rally participants are: from left, Hopi Auerbach, Campaign Chairman Mark Miller, Green Candidate for Congress Bob Auerbach and Cam McQueen.

Hoyer – supported the invasion of Iraq and continues to support the ongoing occupation and war.)

The Greenbelt Greens hold informal weekly meeting every Tuesday evening, usually outside the New Deal Café, in addition to more formal regular monthly meeting the second Monday of each month. For information about the Greenbelt Greens or about Bob Auerbach's campaign for Congress, call 301-441-3298.

Polling Locations

The four Greenbelt polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Precinct 3 – Greenbelters from the center of the city will vote at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Precinct 6 – Residents from the North End will vote at Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road.

Precinct 8 – Springhill Lake residents will vote at Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive.

Precinct 13 – Greenbelt East residents will vote at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway.

RUMMAGE SALE

Sun., Nov 7, 9 am - 5 pm
Mon., Nov. 8, Noon - 8 pm

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Clothes – Housewares – Appliances
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Olympic Fall Festival

Costume Contest for Kids and Adults!

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ADULT COFFEE HOUSE

Fri, Oct. 29
7:00—9:00 pm

Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road
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www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Ages K—6th Grade
Parents Welcome!

Greenbelt News Review Annual Meeting

will take place on Sunday, October 31 at 4 p.m. in the NR Office

Holiday Bazaar Held At St. Gregory's

St. Gregory's annual holiday bazaar is just around the corner, Saturday, November 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located at 12420 Old Gunpowder Road in Beltsville.

Featured will be Christmas and general crafts, attic treasures, new gifts and a raffle. Lunch will be available. Take home homemade Eastern European specialties: pirohi, holupki, halushki and kolbassi. Visit the bake table where kolachi and other homemade goodies can be found. There is free admission and parking.

For further information call 301-552-2434.

Artists Will Hold Annual Open House

The artists of Passageways Studios announce their annual fall open studios on Sunday afternoon, October 31 from 2 to 5 p.m. The studios are located at 6001 66th Avenue, East Pines Center, Riverdale. The center is located one block east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on Route 410 (East-West Highway).

Passageways is a working artists' cooperative whose members are drawn from Prince George's, Howard and Montgomery counties. Artwork, including printmaking, painting, sculpture, tapestry and mixed media will be exhibited with most work for sale. The public is invited to meet the artists in their studios.

Light refreshments will be served.

Community Church Sets Bazaar/Auction

Greenbelt Community Church will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar and Auction on Saturday, November 13. The Bazaar will begin at 9 a.m. and run until 3 p.m. The Auction starts at 3 p.m. The Bazaar will feature gift items, decorations, food, raffle tickets for gift baskets and more.

The Auction will feature gift baskets, gift certificates and many other items.

For more information call 301-474-6171. The church is located at the corner of Hillside and Crescent Roads.

Synagogue to Hold Rummage Sale

The Sisterhood of the Mishkan Torah Synagogue will hold its fall rummage sale on Sunday, November 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, November 8, from noon to 8 p.m. in the synagogue at Ridge Road and Westway. Advertised as "new to you" shopping, there will be clothes for everyone in the family, housewares, books, toys and other items.

Monday will be bag day, where people can purchase all they can stuff into a bag for a special price. Stop in after work. There are try-on rooms with mirrors available. The Men's Club will have coffee, bagels and snacks available. Rummage donations can be dropped off at the synagogue before the sale from Sunday to Thursday during office hours.

Our Neighbors

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Sharmika N. Bennett has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During six weeks training, Bennett studied the Air Force mission, organization, military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Bennett is the daughter of Darlene Hill of Edmonston Road. In 1998, she graduated from Potomac High School in Oxon Hill.

Our thoughts are with News Review staffer Linda Paul whose daughter is recovering from major surgery.



St. Hugh's Students In Talent Search

by Leslie Hilliard

The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY) has invited 13 St. Hugh's students to participate in its Talent Search program. Only students who score at or above the 97th percentile on a nationally-normed standardized test are eligible.

The St. Hugh's students are: Seventh Grade: John Culhane, Sophy Diaz-Gonzales, Scott Kincaid and Andy Li. Eighth Grade: Erin Cocchario, Wesley Hilliard, Sarah Layton, Eric Meyer, Jonathan Nguyen, Patience Nwachukwu, James Riordan, Megan Shaffer and Kyra Simon.

The Talent Search assesses and recognizes students with exceptional mathematical and or verbal reasoning abilities. Participants will further define their academic abilities through the SAT, a standardized aptitude test for students at the high school senior level. Qualifying students may then attend summer CTY courses at Johns Hopkins University to pursue their interests.

Fannabell Kash Memorial Service

A memorial service for Fannabell Kash will be held on Friday, November 5 at 3 p.m. at the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi. All are welcome.



Prayer Night Open to Public

On November 3 at 7 p.m. the public is invited to join in prayers for newly elected leaders at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road. Each Wednesday at 7 p.m. Mowatt gathers to pray for personal, local, national and global concerns. Call 301-474-9410 for more information.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
October 31, 10 a.m.
"Wrestling Less with Angels Than with Prophets"
by Jacob B. ten Hove
R.E. in the Glen, 10-11 a.m.
Barbara Wells ten Hove, Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers



OCTOBER IS
PEACE
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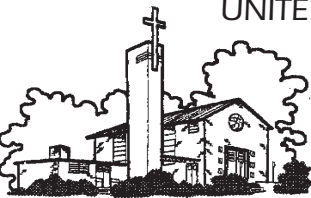
Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
301-474-9410 www.gbgm-umc.org/mowatt
Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am



Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor
"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."



ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322
Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd



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To learn more about the morality taught by Islam, contact us by email at muslimguide@hotmail.com or by phone at 301-982-9463 or visit www.islam-guide.com.


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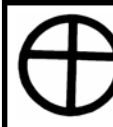
Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net
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Sun. Worship 8:35 am, 11:00 am
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

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Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship
8:45 a.m. Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Evening Worship

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7010 Glenn Dale Road
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org
Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass
9:00 am Christian education for all ages
10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

PRAY for BRYAN

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Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E.
Sunday, October 31, 2001
Meet at St. Hugh's School
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

Baha'i Faith

The destruction of yet another Baha'i holy place in Iran has prompted an outcry by Baha'is around the world, who see that the Iranian Government is persisting in a campaign of persecution so extreme it even jeopardizes invaluable assets of the country's cultural heritage.

Full story at www.bahaiworldnews.org
Greenbelt Baha'i Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-345-2918 301-220-3160
www.bahai.org www.us.bahai.org

Greenbelter William Dunham In People to People Forum

William Dunham, an 8th grader at Robert Goddard French Immersion school was accepted in the People to People World Leadership Forum. Dunham joined a group of students in Washington, D.C., in the leadership program that began October 25 and runs through October 31. He will earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of the nation's most prominent monuments and institutions.

From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institution and Colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History, Dunham will examine characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates also participate in



small-group discussions and exercises to experience first-hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus and foster change.

Dunham was nominated and accepted based on scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

Dunham is the Greenbelt News Review carrier for the 109 homes of Greenbrook Estates. He also is a member of the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team and Boy Scout Troop 214.

The program is coordinated by People to People Student Ambassador Programs to fulfill a vision Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956.

Check Smoke Detectors this Week

On October 23, a townhouse fire in Upper Marlboro resulted in a fatality. This incident is a sad reminder of the importance of having a working smoke alarm and an escape plan. The Prince George's County Fire Department reminds all people to check their residential smoke alarms this week, as daylight savings time comes to an end on Sunday, October 31. Firefighters use this time of year to remind all citizens and residents that "When you change your clock – Change the battery in your smoke alarm." It is also recommended that an escape plan be developed and practiced for the household in the event of a residential fire.

Statistics show that residential fires involving a fatality typically occur between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Additionally, half of the fire deaths occur in the six percent of homes with no smoke alarm. Having a working smoke alarm increases one's chance of survival by 50 percent.

Citizen action this week: ensure there is at least one smoke alarm on each floor of the home, test the smoke alarm this weekend and monthly to ensure proper function, install fresh batteries in each smoke alarm and for those who have electric smoke alarms, consider installing battery powered back-up smoke alarms.

People should also know what to do when fire strikes. Home escape plans involve determining two ways out of every room in the home. A common meeting place is identified outside and away from the home to account for all occupants. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) only 25 percent of families have taken the time to develop an escape plan.

Prince George's County residents can request a free smoke alarm at www.pgfireems.com or by calling 301-864-SAFE.

Greenbelt Arts Center
Presents

GODSPELL

Conceived by John-Michael Tebelak
Music and New Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz
Directed by Jeffery Lesniak

October 29 & 30, November 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, at 8 PM
November 7 at 2 PM November 14 at 5 PM

Greenbelt Arts Center
123 Centerway, Greenbelt MD
(Behind the post office and below the Co-op Supermarket)

Tickets: \$15.00 (\$12.00 seniors/students)

Call 301-441-8770 for Reservations
www.greenbeltartscenter.org



City Information

Costume Contest & Parade



You must register to be eligible to win! Parade begins promptly at 4:00pm.
Everyone is encouraged to attend dressed in their Halloween best! Judges will award a prize pack to the "Best Costume" in each of the following categories: 1½ - 3 years / 4 - 5 years / 6 - 7 years / 8 - 9 years / 10 - 12 years.
Magic Show ? Prizes ? Treat Bags
Sponsored by the Greenbelt Department of Recreation ? The Youth Center ? 99 Centerway ? Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Ranger Scout Fishing Derby

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6
BUDDY ATTICK LAKE PARK AT
LOOKOUT POINT, 12:00-2:00PM
AGES 6-12-Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Come join Greenbelt's Park Rangers for a day of fishing fun! The derby will be preceded by a talk about conservation issues led by a representative from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Prizes will be awarded for the largest fish caught as well as the greatest number of fish caught. Light refreshments will be provided.

- **Participants must bring their own supplies, including rod, reel and bait.**
- **After measurement, fish must be released into the lake.**
- **Anyone over the age of 16 who is assisting a child MUST have a freshwater fishing license. Licenses can be obtained at local sporting goods stores and are NOT available through the city.**

For more information call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200

LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE FALL 2004-2005



The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from November 8, 2004 until January 21, 2005. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years.

WEEK OF:
November 8 - 10, 12: Lakeside
November 15 - 19: Boxwood
November 22 - 24: Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates, Windsor Green
November 29 - December 3: Lakewood
December 6 - 10: Lakeside
December 13 - 17: Boxwood
December 20 - 24: Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village, Greenbrook Estates
December 27 - 31: Lakewood, Greenspring I & II
January 3 - 7: Lakeside, Windsor Green
January 10 - 14: All areas
January 18 - 21: All areas

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Recycling & Environment
Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, November 2 & 4: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert- Managing Your Blood Pressure," 6:30pm Museum Lecture "More is Better, or Less is More," 7:30pm "Greenbelt Labor Day Parade."

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, November 3 & 5: 7:00pm "Future View," 7:30pm GAC presents "An American Daughter," 10:00pm "Lions Club Meeting September 27, 2004."

An Artful Afternoon

Sunday, November 7, from 1-5pm at the Greenbelt Community Center

Enjoy this free mini arts festival featuring a studio open house, art exhibits, projects, Greenbelt Museum tours, etc.

CREATE WHIMSICAL GARLAND FOR THE CITY'S HOLIDAY TREE!

1-3pm Greenbelt artist, Elizabeth Morissette, will lead a workshop using recycled materials, including plastic bags, ribbon, strings of beads, caution tape and more. Bring the family and help create whimsical garland for the holiday tree!
1-3pm WORKSHOP/ RECEPTION Artist, Jordan Tierney, will lead a workshop in conjunction with her new exhibit "Shard.Lab-An Accounting of Incidentals." There will be a reception for the exhibit from 3-5pm in the Community Center Gallery.
2-4pm ART EXHIBIT/ RECEPTION Make sure you join resident artist, Tai Hwa Goh at the Municipal Building for the reception of her new exhibit, "Layers."
3pm VELVETEEN RABBIT PERFORMANCE don't miss this free performance by Mum Puppettheatre of Philadelphia. Their signature family show uses shadows, masks and puppets of all kinds. Great for all ages!

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came Secretary of Defense in the elder Bush’s administration during “Operation Desert Storm” in Iraq. He then left government and became president of Halliburton, Inc. until he was elected vice president in 2000. He and his wife Lynne have two daughters.

Democrat John F. Kerry has been a Senator for 20 years, serving on the Foreign Relations Committee, among others. Born in Colorado, Kerry’s family moved frequently because his father was in the Foreign Service. After obtaining a B.A. degree in political science from Yale University, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served in combat in Vietnam, earning Silver and Bronze Stars and three Purple Hearts. After returning in 1969 he received national attention two years later as an organizer of Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

In 1976 Kerry obtained a law degree from Boston College and then became a prosecutor and then district attorney for Middlesex County, Mass. In 1982 he was elected Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor and two years later was elected to the Senate. He is married to Teresa Heinz Kerry and they have a blended family of children from previous marriages that includes his two daughters, her three sons and one grandchild.

John Edwards is Kerry’s running mate for vice president. He was born in South Carolina and grew up in Robbins, N. Car. He became the first in his family to go to college, graduating from North Carolina State University and obtaining a law degree from the University of North Carolina in 1977. That same year he married Elizabeth, who was a fellow law student. They have three children. Edwards made his mark, and fortune, as a personal injury lawyer. In 1998 he was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he has served on the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Others

Green Party candidate David Cobb served as general counsel for the party until his candidacy. He was raised in San Leon, Tex. and graduated from the University of Houston Law School in 1993. He practiced law until 2000 when he took over management of the party effort in Texas. His running mate is Patricia LaMarche.

Michael Badnarik is the Libertarian Party candidate for President. Born in 1954 in Hammond, Ind., he attended Indiana University. In 1977 he became a computer programmer and has had his own consulting business since 2001. He became a Libertarian after a thorough self-study of the U.S. Constitution. His running mate is Richard V. Campagna.

The Constitution Party candidate is Michael Anthony Peroutka, a graduate of Loyola College in Maryland and the University of Baltimore School of Law. He and his brother have been law firm partners for 18 years. He lives with his wife and three children in Millersville. His running mate is Chuck Baldwin.

This time, after being denied placement on the ballot by the state Board of Elections, Ralph Nader was put on the ballot by the Maryland courts based upon a petition by voters that he had filed. In 2000, he ran as the

Green Party candidate. In some states, but not Maryland, his vote counts were the difference between a Bush victory and a Gore victory.

Now running on the Populist Party ticket, Nader was born in Winstead, Conn. in 1934 and received an A.B. magna cum laude from Princeton University and an L.L.B. with distinction from Harvard University. He is a lawyer, author and consumer advocate. His running mate is Peter Miguel Camejo.

U.S. Senate

Senator Barbara Mikulski is being challenged for reelection to a fourth term in the Senate by a Maryland State Senator from the Eastern Shore first elected in 2002. Their airwave commercials primarily attack the other candidate, Pipkin criticizing Mikulski for voting to raise taxes and Mikulski criticizing Pipkin for making a fortune as a junk bond tradesman.

E. J. Pipkin, 48, grew up in Dundalk, Md., attended Salisbury State College and graduated from Roanoke College. He earned an M.B.A. at the University of Virginia then moved to New York, where he reportedly made a fortune as a bond trader on Wall Street. He and his second wife, Alisa, have three children, one a champion figure skater.

A longtime Democrat, Pipkin became a Republican in 1992 after attending the Democratic convention. He and his family moved to an Eastern Shore estate in Cecil County where he became active in local politics, leading a fight against a proposal to dump the spoil from dredging Baltimore harbor into the Bay. In his successful race for the state senate he challenged a Democratic incumbent who had held the seat for more than 20 years.

Barbara Mikulski, 68, grew up and continues to live in Fells Point in Baltimore, commuting to the Capitol. She became a social worker after obtaining a B.A. from Mount Saint Agnes College in 1958 and a masters in social work from the University of Maryland in 1965. When a 16-lane highway was proposed to run through her neighborhood, she organized successful opposition and began her career in politics. She was elected to the Baltimore City Council in 1971, moving from there to the Maryland General Assembly in 1977.

She was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1987 and claims to be the first woman elected to the senate in her “own right,” others having either been appointed or assuming offices first held by their husbands. While not noted for any major legislation, she has been a strong supporter of women’s issues and for channeling federal funding toward Maryland.

The Green Party candidate is Maria Allwine, a Baltimore native who has been an anti-war and peace and justice activist for the past three-and-a-half years. Thomas Trump, the Constitution Party’s candidate, another Baltimore native, is an ex-Marine with a B.S. from the University of Alabama who owns an investment counseling business.

Congress

Steny Hoyer has been the Fifth District Member of Congress since 1981. While boundaries of the district have shifted during that time to the east and south, it has always included the

district, as is the case with present members, the two added members would run for office countywide. The county charter provision further permits councilmembers, now limited to serving only two four-year terms, to run for the at-large seats. The at-large candidate receiving the most votes will become the chair of the council. Presently councilmembers elect the chair and vice-chair.

Questions F, G and I, added to the ballot by the majority of the county council, will become effective only if the voters approve Question H and these questions. They would negate many of the provisions of Question H.

Question F would prevent councilmembers having been elected to two terms on the council from being eligible for the at-large seats as is permitted by Question H. This provision is specifically aimed against Hendershot who, if Question H is approved, would become eligible for another term on the council as an at-large member even though term limit provisions now prevent his seeking a third term.

Question G would negate the Question H provision to make the council chair the at-large councilmember receiving the most votes and restore the election of the council chair by the members. Question I, which on the ballot is called “Voting Rights for At-large Members” would actually deny these members voting rights and make the two at-large councilmembers non-voting members.

At-large advocates contend that councilmembers elected by district bring with them parochial points of view and do not represent all factions of the county. Having the two at-large members will help provide a balance between parochial points of view and the needs of the county as a whole.

Opponents contend that adding at-large members will weaken the political voice of minorities. Also, the high cost of running for at-large elections will force the incumbents to be beholden either to large campaign donors or to political bosses who form slates of candidates.

Bond Issues

Questions A to E, if approved, will enable the county to issue bonds (borrow funds) to pay for

the cost of major capital improvements. The county continues to maintain good financial ratings relating to its ability to pay debt. Also, the TRIM amendment to the county charter prevents the county council from increasing the county tax rate, so that all new bond issues must be able to be funded within the limited funds available for county expenditures. For these or other reasons, voters in the past have consistently approved ballot questions authorizing the issuance of bonds.

If approved, Question A authorizes the issuance of \$55,900,000 in bonds to finance public works and transportation facilities such as roads, bridges, parking lots, maintenance facilities, etc. Question B is authorization for \$14,468,000 in bonds for library facility improvements. Question C is for \$9,476,000 in bonds for public safety facility improvements, including fire department facilities.

County buildings could be improved with up to \$11,780,000 from the sale of bonds if Question D is approved. Question E, authorizes \$5,290,000 in bonds to improve community college facilities. None of these questions have been controversial so far.

Work Hours

Currently each seasonal and part-time county employee is restricted from working more than 1,800 hours a year. The appointment of these employees is not subject to the experience and training requirements of persons appointed to classified county positions. Nor do persons receiving these appointments receive the same pay or benefits of classified employees.

Appointment of persons to part-time or seasonal positions has been used as a way of circumventing the county merit system and as a way to save money by paying lower wages and no benefits. It also conflicts with federal regulations concerning compensation.

If approved, Question J would restrict the employment of each part-time and seasonal employee to not more than 1,000 hours a year. Question J also permits the county council to initiate and approve classification plans for positions unique to the legislative branch.

also on the Appropriations Committee. Born in New York, he now resides in Mechanicsville. He holds a B.S. in political science from the University of Maryland and a J.D. from Georgetown University. He was first elected to the Maryland Senate in 1966 and served there until his election to Congress in a special election. Hoyer is widowed and has three children.

Auerbach, 85, earned his B.A. from New York University and his M.A. from Peabody. He has lived in Maryland for over 40 years, most of the time in Greenbelt. A peace activist, he was formerly a co-chair of the Maryland Green Party.

Krukar, 46, is a native of Milwaukee, Wis. He holds a B.A. in communications broadcasting and has been a flight attendant for the past 12 years. He is former Maryland chairman of the Constitution Party. He resides in Silver Spring with his wife Rebecca and their two children.

2004 Election

General Election
November 2, 2004
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

State of Maryland,
Prince George’s County

President and Vice President of the United States

(Vote for one)

George W. Bush
and Dick Cheney – *R*
John F. Kerry
and John Edwards – *D*
David Cobb
and Patricia LaMarche – *G*
Michael Badnarik
and Richard V. Campagna – *L*
Michael Anthony Peroutka
and Chuck Baldwin – *C*
Ralph Nader
and Peter Miguel Camejo – *P*

U.S. Senator

(Vote for one)

E. J. Pipkin – *R*
Barbara A. Mikulski – *D*
Maria Allwine – *G*
Thomas Trump – *C*

Representative in Congress, Congressional District 5

(Vote for one)

Brad Jewitt – *R*
Steny H. Hoyer – *D*
Bob S. Auerbach – *G*
Steve Krukar – *C*

Judge of the Circuit Court, Judicial Circuit 7

(Vote for no more than three)

Graydon S. McKee, III
William D. Missouri
Cathy H. Serrette

Judge, Court of Special Appeals at Large

(Vote yes or no for continuance in office)

Joseph F. Murphy, Jr.

C–Constitution; D–Democrat; G–Green; L–Libertarian; P–Populist; R–Republican

Touchscreen Sample Online

Electronic voting machines will be in use at all Greenbelt voting locations. In order to vote a voter card is inserted into the touch-activated voting machine. At home, one can log on to www.mdvotes.org to experience an online simulation of voting with the new machine.

This new system offers the advantage of voice guidance technology that allows the visually impaired to cast their votes in privacy. It can be programmed with enlarged text for improved visibility. It also has the capacity to be programmed in multiple languages. For the general election it will be programmed in English and Spanish.

Late Absentee Ballot Procedures

After the Tuesday preceding the election and prior to the time the polls close on election day, any person registered and otherwise qualified to vote may apply in person or through a duly authorized agent for a late absentee ballot. Call 301-952-3270 regarding eligibility to receive an absentee ballot.



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on election day? Candidates Bush and Kerry will be judged on their different positions concerning the Iraq war, the economy, employment/unemployment, health care, social security, taxes and their philosophy with respect to filling Supreme Court vacancies. Truthfulness, leadership and character will be qualities voters will consider along with the Presidential candidates' performances in the debates.

Voters will also be choosing candidates to represent their state in the United States Senate and House of Representatives. The results will determine which party – Democrat or Republican – will have control of Congress.

There are many hotly contested races (see article on candidates). Contrary to the closeness of the Presidential race between Bush and Kerry and some hotly-contested Senate races elsewhere in the nation, it can be predicted that John Kerry will get the top vote here. In Greenbelt, registration has chalked up a five to one Democratic lead over Republicans. Senator Barbara Mikulski and Congressman Steny Hoyer, who always have garnered a high percentage of the city's vote, should have no trouble winning reelection. In Prince George's County and Maryland, Democrats hold a comfortable lead over Republicans (see box at right).

Record Turnout A Real Possibility?

by Mary Moien

There is speculation that next Tuesday's election could result in a record turnout at the polls. What would that mean for Greenbelt? In the last presidential election (2000), 81 percent of registered Greenbelters voted. That was a significant increase from the 1996 presidential election where only 68 percent voted.

As of September 30, Greenbelt had more than 10,900 registered voters (see table). About 40 percent of the registered voters live in Greenbelt East. Two-thirds of city registered voters are Democrats.

State and County

As of August 31, there were 2.9 million registered voters in the state of Maryland. About 14 percent of them were unaffiliated with a party. Of the two major parties, Democrats outnumbered Republicans by a margin of about 2:1. This ratio is the same in Montgomery County and Baltimore County, the two counties (including Baltimore City) with the largest numbers of registered voters (490,000 and 412,000 respectively). Prince George's County is the third largest area with 404,000 registered voters. However the party profile is significantly different here. In the county the ratio of Democrats to Republicans is 6:1, i.e. six registered Democrats for each registered Republican. That ratio is even higher than in Greenbelt where the ratio is 5:1.

Fifth District

Prince George's voters represent about 15 percent of all registered persons in the state.

Prince George's County is split into three Congressional districts – the Fourth (with parts of Montgomery County), the Fifth and the Eighth (almost entirely Montgomery County). Greenbelt is part of the Fifth Congressional District, which also includes all of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties along with a small portion of Anne Arundel County. The most recent voter registration statistics from the Fifth Congressional District were from the 2004 primary when 358,000 were registered. Slightly less than half of those registered resided in Prince George's County.

Election Voting Machines in Use

by James Giese

This will be the first Presidential election in which new electronic voting machines will be used. While they are easy to operate and can be very accurate, some have criticized their use because they provide no paper record and could be misprogrammed, be tampered with or crash.

Here's how it works. You will receive a voter access card, which you insert into a slot in the machine face up and with the arrow pointing forward until you hear a click. Unlike a credit card or electronic room key, the card is left in the machine until you have finished voting.

The second step is to select a language, English or Spanish, by touching the screen and then touching "start." But be careful. Once you have picked the language you are stuck with it. After reading the voter instructions that will appear on the screen, your next step is to touch "start" and the first page of your ballot will appear.

To vote for a candidate, touch the box to the left of the name. To change your vote touch the box again and then touch another box beside another candidate's name. Touch "next" to go to the next page or "previous" to return to a page you have left.

After completing all pages of the ballot you will see a review ballot screen listing all your choices. If that is OK and you want to record your vote, touch "cast ballot." If not OK touch either one of the races listed or "review ballot" to go back to the ballot pages.

Once your ballot is cast you cannot vote again or change it. When finished remove your voting card and return it to the election judge.

Counting

Your cast ballot has now disappeared into the machine. The machine, which has a variety of security measures, will tabulate all the votes it gets. At the end of the evening these will be transferred by secure disk to a master machine, which will compile all votes and print them out. The disks will then go to the Board of Elections for re-verification of tally. But your individual vote will have disappeared, never

Greenbelt Unofficial Voter Registration Figures (as of 9/30/04)

Precinct/Polling Place	Democrats	Republicans	Green	Other	Unaffiliated**	Total
21-3 Community Center	1,676	396	19	120	330	2,541
21-6 Greenbelt Elementary	1,228	416	31	121	266	2,062
21-8 SHL Elementary	1,453	160	5	181	261	2,060
21-13 Eleanor Roosevelt High	2,943	508	11	256	532	4,250
Total Greenbelt *	7,300	1,480	66	678	1,389	10,913
5th Congressional District***	196,094	105,817	574	N/A	N/A	357,620
Prince George's County	298,123	47,508	504	14,383	43,168	403,686
State of Maryland	1,603,729	858,268	6,729	29,954	392,465	2,891,145

* Registration figures include all registrants - active [those who have voted in at least one of the last two presidential elections]
** Unaffiliated are those who do not choose a party.
*** The 5th Congressional District includes part of Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties and all of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties.
Note: County and State figures are from Aug. 31, 2004; Congressional District figures are from Feb. 10, 2004.

Dems Mobilize For Election Day

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, the largest and most active Democratic club in Prince George's County, is mobilizing for the general election, to be held on Tuesday, November 2. According to Club President Bill Hunt, "The Roosevelt Democratic Club has been working on a variety of vital projects and initiatives over the past year. We have attracted a large, capable, experienced and committed team of citizens who are concerned about our great nation and the course it is presently taking. This is truly a critical election for our country, perhaps the most important of our lifetime."

The Roosevelt Democratic Club has spent the past year registering new voters, sponsoring and staffing community events and political activities throughout the county, distributing literature and campaign signs and materials and building precinct organizations to help turn out the vote. "It has been a great experience. I have never seen such passion, such commitment. The voters are focused and want a fresh start in Washington" says Hunt.

The Roosevelt Democratic Club is offering rides to those who need transportation to vote on November 2. Anyone who would like a ride to a Greenbelt polling place or who has questions about the upcoming election can call 301-982-0111. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2.

to be seen again.

For this reason, some believe this method used is not safe enough. After all these are computers and anyone who has one knows the crazy things that computers can do, mostly as a result of human error or tampering. Thus a movement has developed for voting machines also to print out each vote cast as a paper backup to what disappears into the machine. An unnecessary additional expense, claim those who feel that the current voting machines are as good as they get.

Whether or not paper ballots are needed, they will not be available at this election except for those who cast absentee ballots.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Greenbelt News Review will hold
its annual meeting on Sunday, Oct. 31 at 4 p.m.

Members are urged to attend.

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Ammendale Institute Is Site For Paranormal Happenings

by Denny Carter

It was on a crisp October night 14 years ago that Scott Fowler had first hand experience with the paranor-mal activity he craved to understand. The events of that eerie night remain with Fowler to this day.

A Beltsville resident for 30 years before a recent move to Columbia, Fowler has spent most of his adult life investigating the community’s strangest circum-stances. With a group of friends, Fowler has completed several “pseudo-investigations,” as he calls them, studying unexplain-able events in and around a former Beltsville landmark.

The Ammendale Institute, which was ravaged by a fire in 1998, was the site of Fowler’s encounters. Having heard rumors of ghost sightings on the grounds of the building, Fowler’s intense interest in paranormal ac-tivity spurred him to investigate the claims.

Armed with nothing more than a tape recorder, he and three friends ventured to the Institute where Fowler had once attended summer camp.

Placing the tape recorder on the steps of the building, the group of teenagers remained far from the staircase, careful not to record any of their own voices or footsteps. After a few minutes, Fowler and friends listened to the recording. “At the time, we didn’t know what it was,” he said regarding the recorded noises, “but it sounded weird to us.”

The recordings only inspired the group to travel back to Ammendale Institute. This time, they were in for a surprise. In the middle of the group’s inves-tigation, one of Fowler’s friends, whose name Fowler kept anony-mous, began acting abnormally. “He was really acting out of character for him,” Fowler said. Usually quiet and reserved, the young man began shouting and urging Fowler and his friends to enter the graveyard near the In-stitute.

Disturbed by their friend’s er-ratic behavior, the teenagers re-fused to step foot in the dark cemetery. Suddenly, the young man gave up his efforts, drop-ping to his knees. “Finally he just collapsed next to a tree and started to throw up,” Fowler said. The boy was helped to his feet and ushered to Fowler’s car.

Confused and scared by their friend’s actions, the group talked to the young man about his memory of that night. “He said he didn’t remember anything that happened,” Fowler said. While approaching the Institute that night, the young man said he heard the ringing of a bell. His three friends heard nothing. “The next thing he remembers is throwing up next to a tree,” Fowler recalled. The young man had no recollection of the 10 minutes in between.

Waiting for the comfort of daylight, Fowler and his group returned to Ammendale. Their discovery was terrifying. “We went into the graveyard and found three freshly dug graves,” Fowler said.

Fowler later wrote about the frightful experience: “A few days

later we went back up to Ammendale during the daytime and went into the graveyard, trying to determine what it was about the graveyard that my friend wanted to show us. We found three new graves with tombstones indicating the deaths took place on the same day of the incident. Since there were three of us in the group, we came to the conclusion that if we had entered the graveyard that night we would have seen three freshly dug graves and thought they were for us.”

After several more collisions with the paranormal, Fowler made his ghostly experiences available to the public. In 2002, Fowler created a website docu-menting his encounters and ask-ing for others to share their ex-periences. After limited success, Fowler expanded the scope of topics on his site. “I asked for any paranormal investigations and things like that,” he said.

After spending the last two years collecting personal ac-counts and investigative tech-niques, Fowler released a book, “The Beltsville Ghosts – Guide to Hunting Ghosts.” Fowler’s book gives ghost enthusiasts ad-vice on where and how to con-duct paranormal investigations.

Fowler understands the skepti-cism of his critics but he knows there will always be one day out of the year when the paranormal takes center stage. “Around [Halloween], people expect the weird,” he said. “It’s a fun time, but it’s a time when people ex-pect to see ghosts.”

Beltsville residents need not fear. Fowler claims the com-munity’s paranormal activity is common in historic areas. In fact, he said Beltsville has less activity than most towns and cit-ies, even on that final day of Oc-tober.

He has just one caution: don’t visit the Ammendale Institute anytime soon.



Aviation Museum Has Flight Night

The College Park Aviation Mu-seum presents Flight Night Satur-day, October 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. Wear a costume for a fun evening of arts and crafts, haunted hayrides and spooky fun. There is a fee.

Beltway Plaza Costume Contest

Trick or treat in the mall at Beltway Plaza October 29 at all participating stores from 6 to 7 p.m. There will be a costume contest at Center Court at 7 p.m. for children in costume under age 12. Contestants must be registered by 6:45 p.m.

Greenbriar Holds Halloween Party

It looks like a lot of people are waiting until the last minute to make Halloween plans for witches and goblins from the ages of 1 to 13. Tickets are still available for Greenbriar’s Halloween Party fea-turing Susan Wall’s Monster Re-vue on Saturday, October 30 at 11:30 a.m. in the Terrace Room. A goofy Martian and hairy space critter are just a few of the many friendly monsters who will be on hand for this wacky musical var-ety show. Children should wear their costumes and come ready for some hair-raising Halloween crafts.

Call Sarah Phillips, Greenbriar Community Affairs director at 301-441-1096, ext. 12 for details

Costumes on Ice

Participate in a fun, safe alter-native to door-to-door trick or treating by spending Halloween at the Herbert Wells Ice Rink, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway, Col-lege Park. The 20th Annual Costumes on Ice will be held on Sunday, October 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. Activities include costume contest, parade on ice, giveaways and crafts. Admission is free for those in costume. Others pay a fee which includes admission and skate rental.

For information call 301-277-3717, TTY 301-699-2544.

Halloween Activities

Halloween Safety Tips From the Greenbelt Police

Make sure all costumes are flame retardant so the little ones aren’t in danger near burning jack-o-lanterns and other fire haz-ards.

Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls and other bumps in the night.

Instead of a mask try make-up. Masks can be hot and un-comfortable and they impair vision. Kids need to be able to see going up and down steps and crossing streets.

Make sure costumes are light in color.

Trick or treaters should walk in groups so they aren’t a tempting target for real life goblins. Parents should always ac-company children.

Make sure older kids trick or treat with friends. Together, map out a safe route so parents know where they’ll be. Tell them to stop only at homes they are familiar with and where the outside lights are on.

Try to finish trick or treating before dark. If it is dark, make sure someone has a flashlight and stay on well lighted streets.

Make use of reflective tape, glow in the dark materials and/ or flashing lights, in order to be more visible to motorists.

Make sure kids know not to get in strange cars or enter strangers’ houses.

Make sure kids understand not to eat any candy they collect until it can be inspected at home. Feed the little ghosts and goblins just before they go out.

Check out all treats in a well lighted place.

Only eat unopened candies and other treats that are in origi-nal wrappers.

Halloween Safety

The Public Safety Advisory Board wishes everyone a safe and happy Halloween and offers the following safety tips:

Halloween costumes should be flame retardant and not so long as to cause tripping.

Use reflective tape a flashlight or a glow stick to make sure people can be seen.

Do not trick or treat alone or go to unfamiliar houses.

Inspect candy before eating. Discard candy that is not wrapped or is out of its original wrapping.

Campfire and Tales At Marietta House

Join the fun at Marietta House Museum’s fall campfire on Satur-day, October 30 at 7 p.m. Enjoy an evening of storytelling and roasting marshmallows around the fire. Light refreshments in-cluding cookies, apple cider and popcorn will be served. Remem-ber to bring a flashlight for a nighttime scavenger hunt.

There is a small fee. Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road in Glenn Dale. For information call 301-464-5291, TTY 301-699-2544.

Happy Halloween Weekend at Behnke

Behnke Nurseries in Beltsville is holding a Happy Halloween Weekend October 30 and 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be pumpkin carving, scare-crow building (bring old clothes), kooky characters, refreshments and more. For more information call 301-937-1100.

Trick or Treat

will be held in Greenbelt on Sunday, Oct. 31, 6 to 8 p.m.

Is Laurel Armory Haunted or Is It Only Halloween?

by Monique Jezierski as told to Tod Cornett

In the heart of Laurel sits an amazing landmark here since February 24, 1928. At one time the Laurel Armory was home to the National Guard 2nd Battal-ion, 115th Regiment, 29th Divi-sion. This unit of local men was among the forces that in-vaded Normandy on D-Day. Many men from this battalion lost their lives in this battle for our freedom.

Flash forward a few years: the armory was purchased in 1971 by the City of Laurel for use as its Department of Parks and Recreation main facility building. Many patrons and staff have experienced interesting paranormal activities but some individuals refuse to talk about it due to the fear of ruining their reputations.

One part-time staffer, Monique Jezierski, has many true stories of her own.

“The first time I set foot in the armory I knew nothing of its past history, all I knew was that I felt a very strong presence which made me feel uncomfort-

able.”

During her years working at the armory she heard rumors and first-hand accounts of unexplain-able things. A softball umpire was walking to the bathroom on the first floor when he felt a hand grab his shoulder, he turned around to see who it was but no one was there. He never set foot in the building again.

Two women painting murals for the Laurel Grad Night pro-gram witnessed some paranormal activity while they were alone in the armory’s basement. All was quiet until they began to hear footsteps running on the gym floor. No one was upstairs at the time so they continued painting. Suddenly a metal chair sitting securely on all four legs flipped itself over.

Other staff members have wit-nessed apparitions in period clothing who vanish as quickly as they appear. A former em-ployee of the armory said she saw the ghost of a young boy running across the gymnasium holding a ball. Not long after

that she saw an old man with a beard behind a desk upstairs. She backed up a few steps and he disappeared.

“So many things have hap-pened to me in the armory that it can be hard to remember all of them,” reports Jezierski. “Light switches turn off by themselves, I’ve heard footsteps while sitting alone, I’ve heard the vacuum in the closet turn on when it wasn’t plugged in and voices talking when I’m the only one here. I’ve heard the commanding voice of a man that sounded like he was barking military drills and walkie talkies with voices coming through them while they are turned off. It’s creepy.

“The scariest thing that hap-pened to me occurred in the basement. I was holding a statue made of pottery when it was ripped violently out of my hands in an upward motion, thrown onto the floor and broken into many pieces. I had two wit-nesses with me at the time. This occurred right after I told the per-son who bought the statue how unique it was and how much I liked it.

“Score sheets and volleyball ropes disappear and reappear regularly. I’ve had so many vol-leyball ropes disappear that I al-ways bring extras in case it hap-pens again. One afternoon after securing the left side of the vol-leyball net, I went to the right side of the net to tie it and then noticed that when I pulled the rope, the left side that I had just tied was completely undone. I thought, no way! Impossible! I had tied those ropes around the pole six times with just as many knots. I could see that the ropes were not just untied but loose and floating horizontally, sus-pended in the air – I was shocked! I went back over to retie the ropes and found them on the floor in a giant loop in a weird, knotted configuration. I said to myself, if this keeps hap-pening I’ll never get the nets up in time for the games.”

Jezierski says, “As for skept-ics, there’s no convincing some people. It takes a first-hand en-counter with something like this to open their minds to the possi-bility.”

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

October 17, 9:20 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a cab driver was dispatched to pick up a customer. Upon arrival, a man entered the back seat of the cab, produced a gun and demanded money. The driver complied and the man exited the cab and fled on foot toward Cherrywood Lane. The suspect is described as a black male 18 to 20 years of age, 5'9" with a medium complexion, a medium build and black hair, wearing a black jacket, pants, and cap.

October 19, 12:46 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, as a man was walking home two other men approached him; one of them pointed a black semi-automatic handgun at him and demanded "his gear." When the victim did not respond, the armed suspect hit him in the face with the gun, knocking him to the ground. The suspect then struck the man in the back of the head with the gun and removed his wallet which contained an ATM card and money, car keys and a cellular telephone and handed them to the other suspect. They then walked away leaving the victim on the ground. Approximately a minute later, the second suspect returned and demanded the man's PIN number, which he gave. The suspects are described as two black males in their twenties. The armed man was 6'0" with black braided hair, wearing a blue skull cap. The other had black hair and was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt.

Assault

October 11, 6:05 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a mall security officer was assaulted when a trespasser he was trying to detain bit him in the neck. Warrants were obtained.

October 15, 8:36 p.m., 7900 block Good Luck Road, a man reported that he was approached by two people who asked him for change as he was leaving the 7-11. The man and one of the persons exchanged words and the man continued to his car. The suspects chased him, assaulted him at his vehicle and tried to take his car keys. The suspects walked away and then one of them threw a metal pipe which struck the man in the back. The victim then struck one of the suspects in the back of the head with the pipe, knocking him to the ground and left the scene. The suspect who was struck was later transported to the hospital. Only the identity of that suspect is known and investigation is continuing.

October 20, 8:33 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with second degree assault after he allegedly assaulted his roommate. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

October 22, 12:05 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a resident man was arrested and charged with first degree assault and second degree assault after he allegedly threatened his roommate with knives and threatened to

shoot him. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Deadly Weapon

October 17, in reference to the assault with a knife of a cab driver at the Greenbelt Metro that was reported on October 11, a petition request has been filed against a resident youth for carrying a deadly weapon with intent to injure and disorderly conduct.

Drugs

October 15, 11:30 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, while investigating a report that shots had been fired, a nonresident man was found to be in possession of a "crack" pipe. He was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and released on citation pending trial.

October 16, 1:48 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, while investigating a complaint of beer drinkers, a nonresident woman was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana packaged in a manner to indicate intent to distribute. She was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana in a school zone, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana and possession of CDS paraphernalia. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

October 16, 11:47 p.m., Lakecrest Drive and Greenbelt Road, a resident man was stopped for a traffic violation and found to be in possession of suspected marijuana. He was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

October 21, in reference to a suspicious person investigation in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane, a criminal summons was obtained charging a nonresident man with possession of marijuana.

Unattended Child

October 18, 9:21 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended after he allegedly left a 5-year-old and a 7-year-old in an apartment by themselves for approximately an hour. He was released on citation pending trial.

Disruption of School

October 19, 10:50 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested and charged with disruption of school activities. She refused to obey a school official and created a disturbance in the cafeteria by yelling and screaming. She was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Vandalism

October 15, 3:08 a.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane, a nonresident man was observed vandalizing a tractor trailer in a hotel parking lot and leaving the scene in a vehicle. Police stopped the vehicle and the driver was identified as the suspect. A search of his vehicle revealed suspected marijuana and CDS paraphernalia in-

side of it. He was arrested and charged with malicious destruction of private property, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Theft

October 14, 11:59 a.m., 7700 block Greenbelt Road, a man removed wallets from three purses in an office suite. He is described as a black male, 5'10", 180 pounds with black braided hair and a scar on his face, wearing a light blue button-down shirt and dark blue pants.

October 18, 12:50 p.m., Springhill Lake Elementary School, a wallet was reported stolen from an unlocked closet inside the school.

October 19, 4:21 p.m., Greenway Center, an unattended and unsecured purse was reported stolen from an office.

Burglary

October 18, 6:56 p.m., 7900 block Winterwood Court, the suspect(s) gained entry by breaking out the rear basement window. A video game player and video games were taken.

October 21, 4:38 p.m., 7800 block Greenbrook Drive, unknown person(s) attempted to enter the residence by breaking out a basement window and tampering with the front door. Entry was not gained.

Vehicle Crimes

Five vehicles were stolen: a 2002 Acura from the 6600 block Springcrest Drive; a 1995 Ford Windstar minivan from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a 1994 Ford Escort station wagon from the 7200 block South Ora Court; a silver 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier 2-door, Pennsylvania tags DKB3743 from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive; and a gray 1993 Buick LeSabre 4 door, Maryland tags 75435CB from the 5700 block Cherrywood Lane.

Nine vehicles were recovered, three by Greenbelt police with an arrest in one recovery and six by other police departments with no arrests. One vehicle reported stolen had instead been repossessed.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall (two incidents), 6100 block Breezewood Court, 9100 block Edmonston Court, 9100 block Edmonston Road (two incidents), 6000 block Springhill Drive, 6100 Springhill Terrace, 9100 block Springhill Lane, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, 9 court Southway, Gardenway at Crescent Road, 6600 block Springcrest Drive, 7300 block Sunrise Court, 7700 block Ora Court and 6900 block Hanover Parkway.

Joint Concert At Smith Center

The University Band and Community Band will hold a joint concert on Wednesday, November 3 at 8 p.m. in Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. This is a free performance by all-campus and community ensembles of the Maryland Bands program. It is presented by the University of Maryland School of Music.

Attempted Murder Suspect Is Arrested

Anthony Curtis Foster, 34, of 7907 Mandan Road, Apartment 302 was arrested Friday evening, October 22 by the Mount Rainier Police Department.

After exiting his vehicle brandishing a .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun, Foster was shot on September 4 by a Greenbelt police officer. He was then taken into custody, transported to Prince George's Hospital for treatment of a gunshot wound and held for a psychiatric evaluation. He escaped from the psychiatric facility September 5 and has been a fugitive since. A warrant was obtained charging Foster with attempted first-degree murder.

Foster was observed October

22 acting suspiciously in a vehicle in the 4200 block of 22nd Street, N.E., by members of the Metropolitan Police Department's Fifth District Auto Theft Unit. When police attempted to stop the vehicle, he fled the scene and was followed to a dead end in the 4500 block of Eastern Avenue in Mount Rainier. Foster produced a fake identification but was recognized by a Mount Rainier police officer from a wanted poster that had been distributed after his escape from the hospital. He was arrested without incident and was turned over to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

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Proponents, Opponents Debate Question H

by James Giese

Two highly articulate and talented women faced off in a debate of the merits of county Question H placed on the ballot at the November 2 election. They spoke in a forum sponsored by the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club on October 19. The Reverend Gloria Swieringa, chair of the Yes on Question H Campaign Committee and co-chair of Prince George's County ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now), supported the question. She contended that there was a need for some councilmembers to be elected at-large in order to represent countywide interests and for the people, instead of councilmembers, to choose the chair of the county council. Carmen Anderson, a 30-year civic activist from Brandywine, a member and officer of the Prince George's County Civic Federation, opposed Question H. She contended it would result in the election of persons not known by most county residents and who were beholden to special interests for campaign donations and political bosses who formed ballot slates.

Swieringa

Swieringa began her presentation with a list of things that Question H is not about, which were the subject of underground rumors. She said it was not about a takeover by developers and that no developer had given one dime to benefit ACORN. The funding by developers and others went to ask people what they thought. It is not a war against the county

council or to weaken it and no one is held in disregard, she said. She trusts the council to keep developers in check.

Swieringa noted that Congressman Al Wynn first advocated adding at-large members in the 1980s (Wynn is now on record as opposing Question H) and that in 2001 a county charter commission made the proposal for two at-large members. She became involved with the charter issue because ACORN, a 30-year-old national organization with a three-year-old chapter in the county, does not believe that the county government is adequately protecting the poor and disadvantaged from unscrupulous landlords.

Countywide problems require countywide supervision, she said. Also, Question H would give the people in the county a needed opportunity to elect the chair of their council. By having two at-large, the nine district councilmembers would have a better opportunity to work for their districts while still dealing with countywide problems and the council will become a stronger body.

Swieringa noted that both the Washington Post and the Gazette newspapers had supported at-large representation on the council. The petition, she said, bore 23,000 signatures. "All we are saying," she said, "is let the people decide."

Anderson

Beginning with some charter history, Anderson noted that when the county charter was adopted in the 60s it provided for 11 councilmembers elected at-large, although five were required to be

residents of particular areas of the county. Candidates had to rely then on campaign donations from developers, she claimed, and slates were formed picked by political bosses. No relevant information on candidates was provided except that which came for slate brochures.

People did not know candidates who were elected from other areas of the county, she said. A successful citizen movement was organized to get councilmembers elected from the nine districts and approved at referendum.

Anderson charged that the money to support this charter change came from developers and County Councilmember Thomas Hendershot. A flyer distributed by an associate of Anderson charged that "According to filed finance reports, 99 percent of petition drive funding [was] provided by county developers and business interests, including a \$4,500 contribution by a current member of council or controlled political committee."

Contributors

Also distributed were copies of information filed with the Board of Elections by the Petition Committee for Reform in Prince George's County (a project of ACORN Associates, Inc.) dated July 26 which showed receipts of \$50,000, all checks in amounts from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Among the contributors listed were Greenbelt Metropark, LLC, \$5,000, and Ricker Brothers, Incorporated, \$10,000 in two checks, both firms involved with the development of the Greenbelt Metro Station property. A subsequent Petition

Fund Report filed by the Petition Committee dated August 9 showed additional receipts of \$13,301.40, but \$10,601.40 appears to be money exchanged in both directions between ACORN and the Petition Committee. Donations in the combined sheets from the Friends of Tom Hendershot, Better Communities Committee, Tom Hendershot Campaign Committee and Thomas Hendershot, all of the same New Carrollton address, amounted to \$4,500. All expenditures of the Petition Committee, equal to its receipts, went to Prince George's County ACORN except for two \$5,000 checks to Ricker Brothers which are identified as being for direct disbursement to Prince George's County ACORN for contractual fees.

Anderson told those attending the forum that electing councilmembers from districts had not become as parochial as once thought. Since there have been districts, more candidates run for office, she claimed. "We're getting better people and it's beginning to show," she said.

She also said that Question H would circumvent the term limit amendment she and others had worked hard to get enacted. Having one elected leader, as Question H would provide, would make the other leaders second class members. The chair has a lot of influence over scheduling of bills. "If you get a bad one, you're stuck with that person for four years," she said.

Also, with at-large members more likely to be beholden to the county executive because they would run as a slate, she felt it would be more difficult for the

council to override executive vetoes. She also said that having two more councilmembers would increase the cost of government "quite a lot" because each member would have staff and expenses. Anderson termed the three

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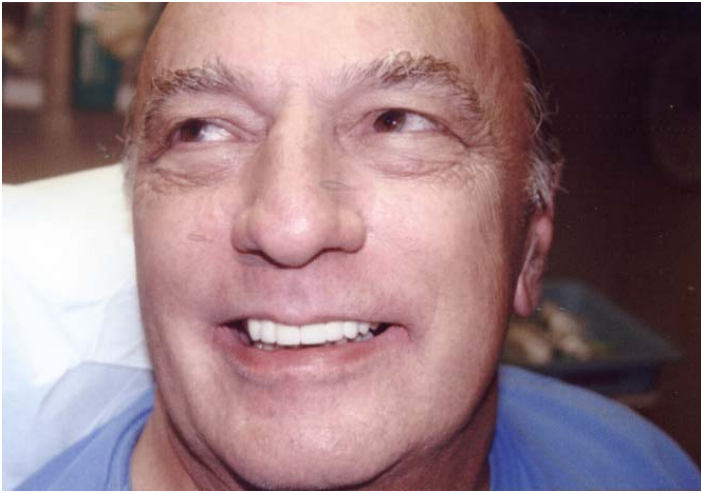
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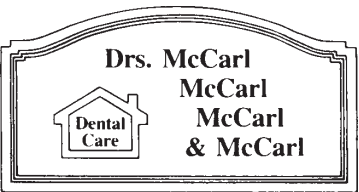


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Labor Day Festival

Art Show Demonstrates Local Talent at All Ages

by Barbara Simon

This year’s Labor Day Festival Art Show, the 50th, included more Greenbelt artists, both children and adults, than in recent years. Visitor attendance was high as well: over 1,000 people visited the show. The judge was impressed by the quality of the work displayed, as well as by the number of entries. Because there were so many fine entries, there are more than the usual number of winners.

Beginning with the youngest artists, the 1st place award in painting in the pre-school to six years age group was given to Clementine Morisette for her work “Crown.” A 2nd place award went to Kyle Donn for his “Goofy Butterfly.” Elizabeth Gardner also received a 2nd place award for her painting “Box with Things in It.” Elizabeth also won the 3rd place award in sculpture for her “Rainbow Snail.” The 3rd place award in painting in this age group went to Alexandra Sherman for her “Still Life” and the 4th place award was given to David Gardner for his “Flower Garden.”

In drawing in this youngest age group, a 1st place award was given to Scott Candey for his “Orange Kitty in Space.” Charles Fahey also received a 1st place award for “They All Defeated the Monster.” A 2nd place award in drawing went to Clare Alexander for “Clare with Blue’s Clues.” Her sister Mairead Alexander also received a 2nd place award for “Unicorn.” Clare and Mairead each also received a 1st place award in sculpture. Mairead received it for “Kitty Cat” and Clare for “Alien.” John Commins received a 3rd place award in drawing for his “Mr. Potato Head.” Christopher Sherman also received a 3rd place award for his collage “Fish-Rainbow-Fish.”

In sculpture, David Gardner received the 2nd place award for his “Alligator.” The 4th place award went to Kelsie Flowers, for her frog puppet “Sharon.” The Cipriano Award for children went to a child in this age group.

The Cipriano Award is presented each year for the artwork that best depicts the theme “Americans at Work.” Andrew Brewster-Geisz received the award for his drawing “Mom’s Work.”

Ages 7 to 10

In the 7-10 years old age group, a 1st place award in painting went to Devin Taylor for “Espionage.” His sister Kirin Taylor also received a 1st place award for her painting “Swirly Cloud World.” The 2nd place award went to Suzannah Noyes for “Flowers.” Suzannah also received the 3rd place award in sculpture for her ceramic work “Mrs. Bowl.” The 3rd place award in painting went to Genavera Gannon for “San Francisco’s Beautiful Evening.” The 4th place award in painting went to Selina Donahue for “Mona Lisa in Sunset.”

In drawing in this age group, Cody Pixley received a 1st place award, for “Chalkzone.” Selina Donahue also won a 1st place award in drawing for “Fairy.” A 2nd place award went to Natalia Noyes for “The Capitol.” Rose Commins also received a 2nd place award, for “Hand of Peace.” Her sisters Mary Commins and

Patty Commins each received a 3rd place award. Mary’s winning drawing was titled “Dog Meeting” and Patty’s was “Living.” A 4th place award in drawing went to Philip Njowusi for “Team of Justice.” A 4th place award also went to Lisa Donn, for “Light-house.”

In sculpture in the 7-10 age group, Genavera Gannon received the 1st place award for “San Francisco’s Beautiful Evening.” Philip Njowusi received a 2nd place award for “Robot DNA.” Mairead Alexander also received a 2nd place award for “Dad’s Birthday Present.” James Fahey received the 4th place award for his ceramic “Dragon Bowl.”

Ages 11 to 14

In the 11-14 years age group, the 1st place award in painting was given to Sophia Sanborn for “California Palm.” The 1st place award in drawing went to Shanmate Singh for “Little Cabin.” Shanmate also received a 3rd place award in the sculpture category for her “Blossom.” The 2nd place award in drawing went to Sean Murphy for “Office Man in a Box.” The 3rd place award in drawing went to Beatrice Rudolph for “Two Little Ones” and the 4th place award went to Maddy Henderson for “Angelic.”

In sculpture and three-dimensional works, the 1st place award was awarded to Kara Wolf-Pitts for her “Scarf.” The 2nd place award went to Erin Donn for her “Cup and Saucer” and the 3rd place award went to Maddy Noyes for her “Necklace.”

Ages 15 to 18

In the 15-18 years group, Jacquie Tull received the 1st place award in painting for her still life “Lamp and Table.” Jacquie also received the 2nd place award in sculpture for her “Garden Goddess.” Emily Lin received the 1st place award in drawing for “Reading Time.” The 2nd place award went to Julia Wade for her “Still Life.” Caitlin Donahue received a 3rd place award for her “Still Life #2” and Nora Simon received a 3rd place award for her computer graphic work “Role Playing.” The 4th place award went to Chris Wolf-Pitts for “Lips and Hair.”

In sculpture, Corinne Tull received the 1st place award for her sculpture “Galoshes.”

Adult Show

In the adult art show, Erika Weaver received the 1st place award for “Untitled” in the oil or acrylic painting division. Monica Mische received the 2nd place award for “Sunset.” The 3rd place award went to Tom Baker for “The Artist’s Conversation.” In the water color painting division, Ingrid Cowan Hass received the 1st place award for “Tea Time.” She also received the 2nd place award in graphics for her monotype “By the Baltic.” Marjorie Fugate received the 2nd place award in water color painting for “Dunbarton Gardens.” The 3rd place award went to Russell Waugh for “Sugar House in Spring” and the 4th place award went to Agnes Pasco Conaty for “Mission San Juan Capistrano, San Antonio, Texas.”

In the drawing division, Jenny



Winners from pre-schoolers to age 6, left to right: Clementine Morisette, Kyle Donn, Elizabeth Gardner, Alexandra Sherman, David Gardner, Clare Alexander, Mairead Alexander, John Commins, Christopher Sherman, Andrew Brewster-Geisz and Kelsie Flowers. Not shown: Scott Candey and Charles Fahey.



At left, winners ages 7 to 10 years, left to right: Genavera Gannon, Selina Donahue, Cody Pixley, Rose Commins, Mary Commins, Patty Commins, Philip Njowusi and Lisa Donn. Not shown: Devin Taylor, Kirin Taylor and Suzannah Noyes.

Note: Unfortunately the photo for the winners in the 11-14 age group was not usable.

Below, adult winners, left to right: Agnes Pasco Conaty, Ingrid Cowan Hass, Erika Weaver, Monica Mische, Jenny Haack, Martin Mueller, Doug “El Hajj” Love, Elizabeth Morisette, Eileen Murray, Kathy Kent, Ann Clough and Bridget Osborne. Not shown are: Tom Baker, Marjorie Fugate, Russell Waugh, Barbara McGee (Simon), John Norden, Wendy Hagelgans, Pam Hagerhorst, Lynn Slater, Krista Soderholm and Michael Reinsel.



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Haack received the 1st place award for her “Pine Cones.” Barbara McGee (Simon) received the 2nd place award for “Annunciation #2.” The 3rd place award went to Martin Mueller for his portrait “Hanna.”

In the graphics and mixed media division, the 1st place award went to Tom Baker for his collage “Contemplation at Greenbelt Lake.” The 3rd place award went to Doug “El Hajj” Love for his computer graphic “Byzantine Icon of the Groundhog,” which was done after his trip to Punxsutawney, Penn., known for its annual Groundhog Day ceremony.

In the sculpture division, Elizabeth Morisette received the 1st place award for her work “Hornets Nest.” John Norden received the 2nd place award for “Vertebrate.” A 3rd place award went to Eileen Murray for her “Tea Party Hat.” Wendy Hagelgans also received a 3rd place award for her styrofoam sculpture “Untitled.”

There were numerous awards in the fine crafts division, which had more entries than in the past few years. Pam Hagerhorst received the 1st place award for her ceramic “Jug.” Kathy Kent re-

ceived a 2nd place award for her quilt titled “(Retirement) Wild Night on the Town.” Ann Clough also received a 2nd place award for her “A Glass Bouquet.” A 3rd place award went to Lynn Slater for her silk painting “Poppy.” Krista Soderholm also received a 3rd place award, for her necklace “Strawberry Fields.” Bridget Osborne received a 4th place award for her “Brown and Black Purse.” Michael Reinsel also received a 4th place award, for his “Trivet.”

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overcome serious problems. On December 23, 1983, GCI announced its December 17 decision to divest itself of its food and service station operations by March 31, 1984. While GCI president and CEO Robert Satake identified purchase by a community group as one of the options for keeping the facilities open, he considered such a purchase unlikely. But by January 14 a committee led by Jim Cassels had been formed to organize a new co-operative to bid on the Greenbelt food store and service center. By February 10 the group had picked a name, developed a financial plan, adopted Articles of Incorporation and named a board of directors consisting of Jim Cassels, chair; Chuck Sarahan, vice chair; Richard Bates, secretary; Joseph Timer, treasurer; Margaret Hogen- sen, Wayne Williams and Michael Burchick.

Others active in the fledging co-operative included Katherine Keene, Eli Crupain, Frank Gervasi, Janet Cantwell, Deborah Hartwick, Steve Curtis, Tom White, Irene Fulton and David Meadows. Twenty percent of the funds needed were to be raised from members and 80 percent from loans.

In addition to \$100 memberships, supporters could purchase certificates good for \$100 worth of food in one year for \$95 or make loans for organizing expenses. By February 20 GCC had signed up its 100th member. On March 8 GCC named Bob Davis, manager of the Severna Park GCI food store, to manage the Greenbelt store.

GCI's Matricide

Meanwhile GCI's decision was generating a lot of anger in Greenbelt. In 1979, Greenbelt Consumer Services (GCS) had re-named itself GCI. GCS had been created in 1937 to provide retail services to the new community since the federal government had been unable to find merchants willing to risk investing in the experimental planned community then composed solely of low-income housing.

In the '50s and '60s GCS had expanded beyond Greenbelt opening new stores and buying real estate. By the time of the divestiture announcement, the co-operative was operating five food stores and four service stations. Most of the corporation's revenue, however, was generated by its Scan furniture operation, which GCS had formed at a later date to sell modern furniture made by Scandinavian manufacturers. Al Herling likened the divestiture decision to "matricide." In explaining the decision to sell off the food and automotive operations GCI officials said they could no longer justify subsidizing these operations at a time when Scan was facing new competition.

Increasing the anger of Greenbelters was the fact that GCI did not submit the decision to a membership vote. Mat Amberg complained, "We may be required to buy back from co-op what is ours and I don't like that." The new co-operative's bylaws require a two-thirds vote by those voting at a membership meeting before any business operated by the co-operative may be sold.

On March 30, 1984 GCC was declared the winning bidder for the supermarket and on June 3

ownership of the store was transferred to GCC. On January 9, 1985 GCC took over operation of the service station on Southway. Although another company had initially won the bid, it later withdrew its offer.

(In 1994, a change in environmental regulations would have required a large investment in new pumps and a vapor recovery system to continue selling gasoline past November 15. The station had lost nearly \$71,000 in the previous fiscal year. Unable to justify the expense, GCC sold the service station.)

New Threat

In May 2003 GCC's success was threatened by another surprise. Fleming Foods, the co-op's supplier, suddenly filed for bankruptcy. Davis immediately made arrangements with Associated Wholesalers, Incorporated, a retailer-owned cooperative and in July 2003 the GCC board approved that decision. Current board chair Dorrie Bates says that the bankruptcy affected more than the store's supplies. Fleming had provided additional services to the co-op, including help planning the store renovations.

Throughout these years, the store management and board membership have had impressive continuity. Both Davis and Assistant Manager David Brinks have been with GCC since the beginning. Joseph Timer, who has been on the board for the full 20 years, is seeking re-election. Richard or Dorrie Bates have been on the board most years, although they escaped for a few years by moving overseas. Jim Cassels, who got the whole thing started, served on the board until two years ago.

Still Here

When asked what he's most proud of, Davis replies, "The fact that we are still here." The grocery business is intensely competitive with profit margins averaging less than one percent, he said. He is facing even steeper competition now, he pointed out, with new and larger stores having opened in Greenbelt and the surrounding area.

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cannot be expanded, so he has to concentrate on making more efficient use of that space. Despite these challenges, he has never lost money. GCC has been able to pay members a patronage refund every year and employees have received bonuses every year, and some years two bonuses.

One advantage is that, as a cooperative, the members are the only investors. Thus Davis does not have to worry about generating large profits for shareholders. He says that his approach in running the store has always been that he and the staff work for the customers. While this is true for every store, he notes, it is "even more true" for the co-op.

Dorrie Bates echoes Davis, saying that the biggest challenge GCC has faced is staying alive in the face of increased competition, to be both a successful business and a responsive and responsible cooperative.

In addition to the renovations the future holds efforts to become more involved with the membership and to help the members become more involved with the co-operative. A newsletter should be out soon.

She is pleased to see a lot of younger people both in the store and on the board. Long-term board members Dorrie Bates, Joseph Timer, Tom Moran and Paul Rall have been joined by newer members Jill St. John, Jill Stevenson and Mimi Noorani.

Noorani is the board's newest member, having been appointed in June to replace new city councilmember Leta Mach. Hav-

ing a long-standing interest in cooperatives, Noorani started attending GCC's monthly board meeting. When Mach resigned, Noorani was invited to join the board. At the October 30 meeting she is seeking election in her own right.

When Noorani came to town in 1998, one thing that impressed her about the co-op is its ability to serve a diverse community. She would like to help make more people familiar with the co-operative.

Like Dorrie Bates and Davis, she recognizes the challenges posed by the store's small size. She says that "for a store of its size to be able to serve that many needs is quite incredible." One of her goals is to make people more aware of the co-op and that they can meet most of their grocery needs there.

GCC's 2004 annual meeting will be held in the multipurpose room of the Greenbelt Community Center. In addition to the anniversary celebration, members will elect two board members. There will also be a drawing for door prizes.

Student Orchestra Performs at UM

The Philharmonia Ensemble will provide a free performance on Friday, November 5 at 8 p.m. in Dekelbourn Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. This student-led chamber orchestra performs works by Copeland, Dvorák and Mozart. Presented by the university's School of Music.

Refuge Presents Wildlife Programs


Four programs will be offered by the Patuxent Research Refuge in the coming week. A bird study hike and discussion for ages 13 through 16 will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 3 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Younger children, ages 5 through 7, are invited to an interactive, hands-on program, "Who's Hibernating?" on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Everyone 16 and older is invited to a guided wildflower hike, "Deadheads," also on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. A field guide, water and a magnifying glass are recommended. All the above programs will be held at the North Tract location on Route 198.

The Visitor Center on Powder Mill Road will host Bird Walks for anyone over 16 on Wednesday, Nov. 3 and Saturday Nov. 6 from 8 to 10 a.m. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

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other ballot questions (F, G and I) insurance policies, which, if adopted, would modify how the Question H provisions would unfold. Question F would prevent term-limited district county councilmembers from running at-large. Question G would again let the district councilmembers choose the council chair instead of its being the at-large member receiving the most votes. Question I would make the at-large members non-voting members of council.

Questions

The first questioner said that the wording of Question I was “really weird” because it says it is to establish voting rights when it will take them away. (Although Question I would make at-large councilmembers non-voting members, the ballot question is headed “Voting Rights for At-large Members.”) County Council-member Douglas Peters, representing the district that includes Greenbelt, responded that he had not voted for either Question H or I but that it was the council’s responsibility to establish the wording for questions placed on the ballot. He said that the councilmembers fought over the wording and that this sometimes resulted in convoluted language.

Ed Terry asked how much it would cost for a candidate to successfully run for an at-large seat. Anderson said it would cost between \$600,000 and \$800,000. Peters said the rule of thumb was between 75 cents and one dollar per person in the county, making the cost about \$600,000 to \$700,000 in a county race.

Swieringa said that she felt it was possible to run a good campaign without spending a lot of money.

Another questioner asked how two at-large councilmembers would help the plight of poor people. Swieringa responded that this county was now very lenient to slumlords. Peters noted how the county council and Greenbelt City Council went to a landlord making large rent increases and succeeded in getting the rates cut back.

Several questions related to how this proposal came about, why so much money came from developers and why the interests of developers are coinciding with ACORN. Peters said that the council was first approached by Hendershot. Because the voters had established council districts and term limits, the other councilmembers said no to him. Then ACORN started circulating petitions. “We’ve been fair on land use and development. Some are unhappy about that,” he said.

Swieringa said that if anybody wanted to make a donation to ACORN, “We will accept your money,” she said. “We will still work to help low to moderate income people.”

Anderson noted that this petition was not the result of broad-based citizen representation as were the other charter amendment movements. “We have a council that is putting limitations on development and now we have this,” she said.

Other audience members expressed concern that the petition circulators were paid and had falsely represented what the petition was about.

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